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**Inventor(s):** Wolfgang BROSS et al. **Confirmation No.:** 9508  
**Serial No.:** 09/995,320 **Examiner:** Steven B. McAllister  
**Filed:** November 26, 2001 **Group Art Unit:** 3627  
**Title:** METHODS, DATA RECORD, SOFTWARE INTERFACE, DATA  
WAREHOUSE MODULE AND SOFTWARE APPLICATION FOR  
EXCHANGING TRANSACTION-TAX-RELATED DATA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed on February 16, 2005, and prior to examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application identified above as follows. In the following, underlines indicate insertions and strikethroughs and double brackets indicate deletions.